

REMARKS

Claims 22-29 and 31-43 are pending and rejected in this application. Claims 22, 24, 28, 29 and 32-40 are amended; and claims 23, 31 and 43 are cancelled hereby.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 22-29 and 31-43 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, Applicant has amended claim 22 to properly introduce the discharge device and has amended several claims to recite the word “media” rather than the word “medium.” For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the remaining pending claims are now in condition for allowance, the allowance of which is hereby respectfully requests.

Responsive to the rejection of claim 43 under 35 USC § 103(a) for it being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,885,659 (Takahashi et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,230,743 (Nakamura et al.), and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 2,428,284 (Krogel), Applicant has cancelled claim 43.

Responsive to the rejection of claim 43 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura et al., in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0066404 (Ueverschar et al.), and in further view of Takahashi et al., and Krogel, Applicant has cancelled claim 43.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 22-29 and 31-42 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome rejections of 35 USC § 112, to which the Applicant has amended the claims, keeping in mind the comments of the Examiner. Applicant now respectfully requests the allowance of claims 22, 24-29, and claims 32-42, and that the application proceed to issue.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims are definite and do particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Moreover, Applicant submits that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore

in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby conditionally petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 897-3400.

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